Road Accidents on Defence Road from Hissar Cantt. to Pilibanga

†2107. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the defence road from Hissar Cantt., Haryana to Pilibanga, Rajasthan passes through Hissar city causing several accidents;

(b) whether there is a provision to construct by-pass from south side, if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor together-with the specific steps being taken by Government to prevent road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The road in question is not a National Highway and this Ministry is not concerned with it.

Standard of speed breakers on Natonal Highways

†2108. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules regarding construction alongwith the name of the authority which does the task of speed breakers on the National Highways;

(b) whether it is a fact that speed breakers have been constructed in each of the villages all over at the National Highway Agrasen Maharaj No. 10 from Delhi to Hissar;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that these speed breakers are higher than the standardised measurement causing a lot of damage to the vehicles crossing over them; and

(d) if so, whether Government will get these speed breakers reconstructed to the correct height; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) As per Ministry's policy, speed breakers should not be constructed on National Highways. However, Ministry permits provision of properly

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designed rumble strips at places like approaches to sharp curves or level crossings, congested or accident prone sections etc., where control of speed is unavoidable. Rumble strips are raised section 15 to 20 mm high, 200—300 mm wide and spaced about one metre, centre to centre in series of roughly 15 to 20 at one location provided across the entire width of carriageway and paved shoulder. All policy matters regarding National Highways come within the purview of this Ministry.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. State Government has been advised to remove speed breakers.

Expert Committee on road safety at NH-5

2109. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to constitute a Committee of road safety experts and social activists to study high accident prone areas on the National Highway No. 5 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the areas which would be identified for such a study;

(c) the steps being taken to study and consider such positive ideas in the interest of road safety; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Road safety aspects are being taken into consideration while formulating proposals for development and maintenance of National Highways.

Study on rising road accidents in Andhra Pradesh

2110. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have necessary expertise to study problems regarding road safety;